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MEMORANDUM FOR:

Special Assistant to DCI

SUBJECT:

Comments on Washington Star Article Entitled:  
"Soviet Has 18 Missiles; Developing Others"  
dated 6 May 1959

1. Per our conversation, we have reviewed the words of subject article purportedly gisting a report prepared at the request of the Preparedness Investigating Subcommittee of the Senate Armed Services Committee by Mr. Charles H. Donnelly, Senior Specialist in National Defense in the Legislative Reference Service of the Library of Congress.
2. A review of the newspaper article indicates quite clearly that Mr. Donnelly did not utilize any intelligence sources, although a very few of the "missiles" do parallel quite closely some missiles currently estimated.
3. It appears that Mr. Donnelly has surveyed open literature and used magazine articles and newspaper articles of new and ancient vintage. Many of the designations used for missiles such as the T-series and the Comet series have appeared before in articles in Aviation Week magazine and Missiles and Rockets magazine and many can be traced back for several years from articles written in a West German newspaper by a "fiction" writer with a vivid imagination.
4. A check was made with a staff member of the Preparedness Subcommittee regarding the date of committee receipt of the report and he stated it was received 27 January 1959. He also said that it was prepared originally at the request of "Bob Sikes" which we interpret as being Congressman Bob Sikes and that copies were sent to the Preparedness Subcommittee.

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